

Remarks

Claims 12-21 are pending in the present application after cancellation of claims 9-11 in this Amendment. Claims 12-16 and 18-20 have been amended.

Claims 9-11, 15-16 and 18-20 have been rejected as being anticipated by Freud (U.S. Patent No. 4,429,343). In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 12-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner also indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

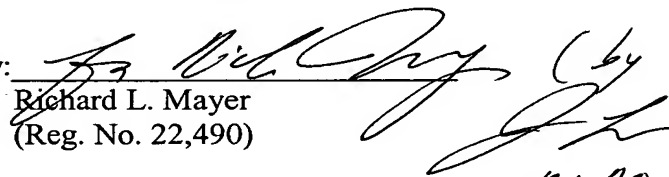
Applicants have amended claims 12-14 to be in independent form and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, claims 15-16 and 18-20 have been amended to depend from claims 12-14. Claims 17 and 21 depend from claim 12. Accordingly, independent claims 12-14, as well as their dependent claims 15-21, are now in allowable condition.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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